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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - APRIL 3-5

1. SUMMARY.

-- COVERAGE OF THE U.S. CONTINUES TO DWELL ON OPPOSITION TO DETENTE, IN ONE INSTANCE LUMPING THE WHITE HOUSE WITH THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX; BUT GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT FOR DETENTE IS STILL STRONG IN THE U.S., SAYS THE PRESS, AND POLITICIANS ARE BEGINNING TO SHAPE THEIR ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY;

-- PRAVDA REPLAYS LARGELY ACCURATE PARAPHRASE OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY CONDEMNING THE LATEST SHOOTING AT THE UN (SEPTTEL);

-- PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OBEISANCE FROM LACKEYS AT HOME AND ABROAD;

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA COMMENT THAT SADAT'S STRAYING FROM THE ECONOMIC STRAIGHT AND NARROW WILL LEAD TO HIS DOWNFALL (SEPTTEL);

-- THE PRESS TUNES UP FOR OLAF PALME'S VISIT APRIL 5 WITH SEVERAL COMMENTARIES PRAISING THE PRESENT STATE OF SWEDISH-SOVIET RELATIONS;

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA WARNS ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION DANGERS OF CRUISE MISSILES (SEPTTEL);  
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-- MBFR GETS EMPHASIS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT REPORTS;

-- PRAVDA CAUTIOUSLY ASKS THAT THE EC REPLY TO THE CEMA "INITIATIVE" NOT BE POSTPONED TOO LONG;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS VORONTSOV'S CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE ABOUT U.S. VESSELS REPORTELY STEAMING

TOWARD LEBANON;

-- PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE CAMPAIGN OF "BLACKMAIL AND THREATS" AGAINST CUBA IS RUNNING INTO DOMESTIC OPPOSITION IN THE U.S.;

-- AND PRAVDA COMMENTS ON THE U.S. CHIEF OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW (APRIL 4) BY YAKHONTOV ASSERTS THAT THE USSR IN ITS DETENTE POLICY "IS NOT ACTING ON THE BASIS OF PASSING PROPAGANDA CONSIDERATIONS, BUT RATHER FROM A FIRM UNDERSTANDING OF OBJECTIVE NECESSITY..." HE SAYS THAT THE "FATE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DEPENDS TO A LARGE DEGREE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR." YAKHONTOV CRITICIZES OPPOSITION TO DETENTE IN THE U.S., NOTING, INTER ALIA, THE "DOUBTFUL SLOGAN" OF "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE, THE PENTAGON, AND THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ADVOCATE; BUT HE SAYS THAT ONE MUST SEE THAT DESPITE SUCH OPPOSITION, THERE ARE STILL "MORE THAN A FEW PEOPLE IN POLITICAL CIRCLES IN THE U.S. WHO MAINTAIN A SOBER VIEW OF THINGS, WHO MANIFEST AN ABILITY TO LOOK BEYOND TEMPORARY CONSIDERATIONS." IZVESTIYA (APRIL 2) PLAYS MUCH THE SAME LINE IN AN ARTICLE "SOBER VOICES" WHICH REPORTS ON SUPPORT IN CONGRESS FOR DETENTE. A MATVEYEV COMMENTARY APPENDED TO THIS REPORT IMPLIES THAT CONGRESS IS REACHING TO A TREND IN THE PRIMARIES SHOWING THAT ANTI-DETENTE SPEECHES LOSE VOTES. PRAVDA (APRIL 5) CARRIES FURTHER LAUDATORY ARTICLE ON CONGRESS' OPPOSING AID TO SOUTH KOREA'S PARK. IZVESTIYA (APRIL 2) HAS BRIEF REPORT ON "ZIONIST GATHERING" IN NEW YORK WITH SPECIAL MENTION OF SENATOR JACKSON'S PARTICIPATION. REPORT CONCLUDES WITH A NASTY REMARK IMPLYING CONNIVANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF POLICE WITH THOSE WHO FIRED SHOTS INTO THE SOVIET MISSION. PRAVDA (APRIL 4) CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM A JAMES RESTON ARTICLE WARNING AGAINST DANGERS OF EXCESSIVE ARMS SPENDING. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA (APRIL 3 AND 4) CARRY A PARAPHRASED VERSION OF PRTEST NOTE HANDED BY THE SOVIET MISSION TO U.S. MISSION IN NEW YORK OVER LATEST SHOOTING INCIDENT. REPORTS CARRY THE EDITORIAL COMMENT THAT THE "ATMOSPHERE OF (U.S.) PERMISSIVENESS BORDERS ON ENCOURAGEMENT" TO THOSE CARRYING OUT THESE DEEDS.

3. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. PRAVDA'S WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW (APRIL 4) PRAISES IN STANDARD TERMS THE BULGARIAN CONGRESS, MENTIONING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONAL, (P.I.) AND CALLING FOR AN "ORGANIC DRAWING TOGETHER" OF BULGARIA AND THE USSR. THE PRAVDA

(APRIL 3) REPORT ON THE BULGARIAN CONGRESS HAS ZHIVKOV  
IN HIS CONCLUDING SPEECH PLEDGING FIDELITY TO P.I.

4. SWEDEN. IZVESTIYA (APRIL 3) AND PRAVDA (APRIL 4)  
IN PREPARATION FOR PALME ARRIVAL APRIL 5 BOTH CARRY  
LAUDATORY COMMENTARIES ON PRESENT STATE OF SOVIET-SWEDISH  
RELATIONS, BUILT AROUND INTERVIEW WITH PALME IN WHICH HE  
ALLEGEDLY SAYS THAT SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE IN  
"FULL AGREEMENT" ON MANY INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. PALME  
REPORTEDLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MILITARY DETENTE,  
ESPCIALY U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON SALT. PRAVDA  
WEEKLY REVIEW (APRIL 4) SAYS THAT THERE ARE "NO DISPUTES OR  
UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.

5. MBFR. IN PRAVDA (APRIL 4) COMMENTARY ON SWEDISH-SOVIET  
RELATIONS, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSON IS QUOTED  
AS EXPRESSING HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN MBFR "EVEN IF RESULTS ARE  
ONLY SMALL--AS A BEGINNING." PRAVDA'S RATIANI ON APRIL 3  
IN COMMENTARY ON DETENTE IN EUROPE DISCUSSES NEGOTIATING  
HISTORY OF MBFR, AND SAYS THAT AFTER THE LATEST SOVIET  
PROPOSAL THE BALL NOW IS IN THE WESTERN COURT. RATIANI  
SAYS THAT THE LORD CHALFONT ARTICLE IN THE LONDON TIMES  
ON SOVIET MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN EUROPE WAS AN OBVIOUS  
CANARD, AND IMPLIES THAT IT WAS FLOATED BY MBFR OPPONENTS.  
RATIANI POINTEDLY NOTES THAT INFORMATION FOR THE ARTICLE  
WAS SENT TO LONDON FROM WASHINGTON. PRAVDA (APRIL 4)  
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REPORTS APPROVAL BY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN  
SECURITY AND COOPERATION MEETING IN BRUSSELS FOR A RESOLUTION  
ON MILITARY DETENTE WHICH ASCRIBES "EXCEPTIONALLY GREAT  
IMPORTANCE" TO MBFR.

6. EC-CEMA. RATIANI, IN ARTICLE REFERRED TO ABOVE,  
EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CEMA "INITIATIVE" TO  
THE EC, POINTEDLY NOTING THAT THE EC NOW OWES CEMA  
AN ANSWER. HE ADDS PLAINTIVELY "ONE MUST HOPE THAT THE  
MATTER WILL NOT BE LONG POSTPONED."

7. LEBANON. PRAVDA APRIL 4 REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT THAT  
THE SOVIET CHARGE CALLED ON THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 3  
"FOR AN EXPLANATION ABOUT REPORTS WHICH HAVE APPEARED THAT  
U.S. NAVAL VESSELS ARE HEADING TOWARD THE COAST OF LEBANON."

8. CUBA. PRAVDA (APRIL 4) REPORTS SENATOR KENNEDY,  
THE MAYOR OF MADISON, WISCONSIN, AND THE "VENCEREMOS"  
BRIGADE, SAYING THAT A CAMPAIGN OF "BLACKMAIL AND  
THREATS" AGAINST CUBA WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED BY THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CALLING FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-  
CUBAN RELATIONS. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK  
(APRIL 4) ALSO MENTIONS THAT THE "PROPAGANDA NOISE"

DIRECTED AT THE SUPPOSED "SOVIET THREAT" EXTENDS TO CUBA.  
BUT THE "MAJORITY OF AMERICANS" OPPOSE THE POLICY  
OF THREAT, SAYS PRAVDA, CITING A NEW YORK TIMES COMMENT THAT  
CUBAN TROOPS INVITED TO AFRICA ARE "EXACTLY THE SAME- AS  
AMERICAN FORCES IN "MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD."

9. ASIA. PRAVDA (APRIL 2) COMMENTS ON THE RECENT  
HONOLULU MEETING OF U.S. CHIEFS OF MISSION IN ASIA.  
THE ARTICLE, BY ARKADIY MASLENNIKOV, DRAWS ON A REPORT  
IN THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND ON THE REPORTED  
STATEMENT BY DEPTUY SECRETARY INGERSOLL CALLING FOR  
U.S. DIPLOMATS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE  
TO AMERICAN BUSINESS. IT SAYS THAT JAPANESE BUSINESSES  
ARE EXPANDING THEIR OPERATIONS IN ASIA AND THAT THE  
COMPETITION IS "INTENSIFYING."  
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